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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., of Richmond, Va., has been greatly enlarged. It commenced in an humble way in 1876 before its founder was of age, and it has grown to be quite a factor in the publication of Southern text books and other Southern literature.

Occasionally one sees something about the decline of eloquence in the United States Senate and House of Representatives and elsewhere. Now and then is heard a burst of eloquence in the Senate, in the pulpit or at the bar which makes one feel like the day of true eloquence amongst American speakers has not really passed.

Senator Hoar's great anti-expansion speech contained the following, which has been referred to as an example of eloquence that will live:

"I know how imperfectly I have stated this argument. I know how feeble is a single voice amid this din and tempest, this delirium of empire. It may be that the battle for the day is lost. But I have an assured faith in the future. I have an assured faith in justice and the love of liberty of the American people. The stars in their courses fight for freedom. The ruler of the heavens is on that side. If the battle of today go against it, I appeal to another day, not distant and sure to come. I appeal from the clapping of hands and the stamping of feet and the bawling and the shouting to the quiet chamber where the Fathers gathered in Philadelphia. I appeal from the spirit of trade to the spirit of liberty. I appeal from the empire to the republic. I appeal from the millionaire and the boss and the wire-puller and the manager to the statesman of the elder time, in whose eyes a guinea never glistened, who lived and died poor and who left to his children and to his countrymen a good name far better than riches. I appeal from the present, bloated with material prosperity, drunk with the lust of empire, to another and better age. I appeal from the Present to the Future and to the Past."

Mr. Charles Dudley Warner, president of the Social Science Association, which was in session in Washington last week, and whom the Norfolk Landmark regards as one of the most gifted American men of letters, said of the race conditions:

"We face a grave national situation. It cannot be successfully dealt with sentimentally. It should be faced with knowledge and candor. We must admit our mistakes, both social and political, and set about the solution of our problem with intelligent resolution and a large charity. It is not simply a Southern question. It is a Northern question as well. For the truth of this I have only to appeal to the Northern communities in any considerable numbers."

With regard to the effect of the franchise upon the colored population, the distinguished speaker was no less reasonable in his opinions. Touching upon the conditions that followed the gift of the ballot to the negro at the close of the Civil War, Mr. Warner said:

"This sudden transition and shifting of power was resented at the South, resisted at first, and finally it has been generally evaded. This was due to a variety of reasons or prejudices, not all of them creditable to a generous desire for the universal elevation of mankind, but one of them the historian will judge adequate to produce the result. Indeed it might have been foreseen from the beginning. This reconstruction measure was an attempt to put the superior part of the community under the control of the inferior, these parts separated by all the prejudices of race, and by traditions of mastership on one side and of servitude on the other. I venture to say that it was an experiment that would have failed in any community in the United States, whether it was presented as a piece of philanthropy or of punishment."

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Believing that no more important measure has been before the people of North Carolina for a score of years, we give in full herewith the proposed Constitutional Amendment. The amendment reads as follows:

That Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of the Constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE

—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTION.

(Section 1.) Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

(Section 2.) He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for 2 years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which now is or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

(Section 3.) Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

(Section 4.) Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language, and before he shall be entitled to vote, shall have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote his poll tax as prescribed by law for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property.

(Section 5.) No male person who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this Article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Section prior to December 1, 1903. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November 1, 1903, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people in this State unless disqualified under section 2 of this article: Provided, such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

(Section 6.) All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be by viva voce.

(Section 7.) Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this article disqualified shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as _____, so help me God.

(Section 8.) The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or convicted by their guilt or indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgment suspended, or any treason or felony for any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the right of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

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Main Entrance Hall Washington Library.

Selected. One of the decorative features that repay attention in the Entrance Hall is the inscriptions occupying the gilt tablets.

We quote the following: "Too low they build who build beneath the stars."—Young. "There is but one temple in the universe, and that is the body of man."—Novalls.

"Beholding the bright countenance of Truth in quiet and still air of studies."—Milton. "The true university of these days is a collection of books."—Carlyle. "Nature is the art of God."—Sir Thomas Browne.

"There is no work of genius which has not been the delight of mankind."—Lowell.

"It is the mind that makes the man and our vigor is our immortal soul."—Ovid.

"They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thoughts."—Sidney.

"Man is one world and has another to attend him."—Herbert.

"Tongues in trees, looks in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything."—As You Like It.

"Only the actions of the just Smell sweet and blossom in the dust."—Shirley.

"Art is long and time is fleeting."—Longfellow.

"The history of the world is the biography of great men."—Carlyle.

"Books will speak plain when counselors blanch."—Bacon.

"Glory is acquired by virtue, but preserved by letters."—Petrarch.

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."—Dionysius.

"The chief glory of every people arises from its authors."—Dr. Johnson.

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."—Tennyson.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding."—Proverbs iv, 7.

"Ignorance is the curse of god, Knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."—Henry IV.

"How charming is divine philosophy."—Milton.

"In books lies the soul of the whole past time."—Carlyle.

"Words are also actions and actions are a kind of words."—Emerson.

"Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man."—Bacon.

Nicknames of Famous Folk.

Selected. Lord Beaconsfield was commonly known as "Dizzy," and Palmerston as "Pam."

Sir Walter Scott had a variety of names, prominent among which was the title "Wizard of the North."

Edmund Spenser, the famous Elizabethan poet and author of "Faerie Queen," was called "Mother Hubbard."

Robert Stephenson, the engineer, was "Rocket" in memory of the first locomotive turned out by him, which was thus named.

Galvani, the renowned electrician, was called "Froggie," the term being applied to him owing to the fact that one of his important discoveries was made through experimenting with frogs.

Sir Isaac Newton was commonly known as the "President," this name being given him by reason of the fact that he was the first president of the Royal Society.

Among a certain party Lord Rosebery is familiarly referred to as "Roey" and Mr. Balfour as "Golfie," the latter nickname owing its origin, of course, to the famous leader's passion for the game of golf.

Marshal Ney was named "Le Brave," while it may not be known that the duke of Wellington was sometimes referred to by the less reverent of his worshippers as "Trunco," this name being applied on account of the unusual prominence of his nose.

Policeman—"What are you loafing around here for at this hour?" Inebriate—"I jush ashed a sailor what time it is." "Well?" "Well, he said he wush going to see."

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THE BIBLE NEGLECTED.

WHY SUCH IGNORANCE?

Family Prayers are Left Off.

Atlanta Journal.

Is the Bible read less by the people of this country than it formerly was? This question would be answered in the affirmative by most persons who have investigated the subject.

Rev. D. C. F. Thwing, in the last number of the Century Magazine, has an article which indicates an amazing ignorance of the Bible among the rising generation, even that part of it which enjoys the best educational advantages.

Dr. Thwing gives the result of a test examination as to the Bible knowledge of the boys in the Ohio university and girls in the eastern colleges.

Twenty-two passages containing simple Bible allusions were selected from Tennyson's poems and a freshman class of 31 men and a like class of 51 women were asked to explain them. The men were from northern Ohio, central New York and western Pennsylvania; the women from New England. They were representatives of families in the enjoyment of average incomes and had had opportunities above the average. With one exception all had ecclesiastical connections. Yet the men answered but 43 per cent of the questions correctly and the women but 49 per cent. Only one—a young woman—answered all the questions correctly.

Of the 85 students only 20 knew any thing about the "crown of thorns," 40 knew nothing about Cain, Esau, Ruth or Joseph of Arimathea; 30 could not explain a simple allusion to the striking of the rock for water and an equal number were ignorant of Jacob's wrestling with the angel. As many as 75 "gave it up" when asked to explain an allusion to Hezekiah.

The girls did a little better than the boys, but they were still woefully ignorant of some of the best known characters and stories of the Bible.

Dr. Thwing considers the young people who he examined fairly representative of their generation so far as their Bible knowledge is concerned.

Why is there less knowledge of the Bible among the people than there once was?

Dr. Thwing says: "The world has become a world of books, a world of magazines and a world of newspapers."

Many persons under 60 years of age can recall a time when the Bible, "Pilgrim's Progress" and Fox's "Christian Martyrs" constituted 50 per cent. of the family library.

The decline of family prayers is one of the chief reasons for the present ignorance of the Bible among the young, and the Sunday school has not taken the place of home instruction in the Bible.

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"I wish, Doctor," said the traveling man, "that you would tell us about catarrh. I have had it for years, and I am thoroughly discouraged."

The Doctor answered, "Catarrh, like diphtheria, consumption, typhoid fever, and a host of other diseases, is the result of a microbe invading the blood and attacking specially the mucous membrane. This foul and most disgusting disease is especially prevalent in the United States and it is rare to meet one who is not, or has not been troubled more or less with it. How often is he or she obliged to remain at home from pleasant entertainments, deprive themselves of many intellectual treats, from fear of the disagreeable odor arising from catarrhal affections. In its worst phase, the patient becomes loathsome both to himself and his friends."

"I believe," continued this great physician, "that the true way to heal catarrh is to medicate the blood. This can be done only by powerful alteratives which act as blood purifiers."

Betsy A. Maret, of Manistee, Manistee Co., Mich., writes: Dear Sir:—For ten years I was a sufferer from general debility and chronic catarrh. My face was pale as death. I was weak and short of breath. I could hardly walk. I was so dizzy and had a ringing in my head all the time. My hands and feet were always cold. My appetite was very poor. On getting up in the morning, my head swam so I was often obliged to lie down again. I had awful pains in the small of my back. I had a continual feeling of tiredness. My muscular power was almost entirely gone, and I couldn't go half a dozen steps without stopping to rest, and often that much exercise caused me to have a pain in my side. It seemed as though the blood had left my veins. The doctors said my blood had all turned to water. I had given up all hope of ever getting well. I tried the best physicians in the state, but failed to get any relief. My husband got me a bottle of Johnston's Sarsaparilla. I took it, and then I bought another. When these had been used, I was somewhat improved in health. I continued its use, and felt I was growing stronger; my sleep was refreshing, and it seemed as if I could feel new blood moving through my veins. I kept on taking it, and now consider myself a well and rugged woman. I work all the time, and am happy. I am positive that the Sarsaparilla saved my life. The sick headaches I have had since childhood, have disappeared, and my catarrh has almost entirely left me. I cannot be too thankful for what Johnston's Sarsaparilla has done for me. I recommend it all women who have sick headaches to use your Sarsaparilla. MORGAN DRUG COMPANY, DETROIT, MICH.

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Beau Hickman's Sister Dead.

Miss Mary Jane Hickman, the sister of Beau Hickman, the wealthy North-Carolinian, who made a brilliant appearance in Washington, New York and London society, between 1843 and 1855, is dead at the family home in Warren County. Her brother was called "Beau" after Brummell, whose style he imitated, and his life resembled in many points that of Beau Brummell.

Hickman after a splendid and brilliant appearance in society, found himself without money, and from that time he became one of the most famous "dead beats" ever known. But he still obtained means to live; in fact, one of his sayings was: "Let the dull work; I live by my wits." A remarkable instance of his ingenuity occurred while Hickman was in New York city. After spending several weeks at a fashionable hotel there, the proprietor one day asked Hickman to settle his bill. In answer to Hickman's excuses the proprietor said, "No, it must be settled at once." Asking if there were witnesses present, Beau said, with tearful eyes, "Would you take the last cent a man has?" "Yes, Sir," said the proprietor. "I call to witness, gentlemen," said Beau, and reaching into his pocket he produced one cent. "That's my last cent," said he. "Please give me my bill receipted." The proprietor saw the joke and laughed with the rest, but said to Hickman: "If you will go over to the Astor House and play that trick on the proprietor, I'll give you \$50."

"Why," replied Beau, "he gave me \$100 to play the trick on you.—Dispatch to N. Y. Times.

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Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:50 p. m., arrive Pamlico 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., returning leave Pamlico 9:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:30 p. m., Sunday, 8:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:40 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 7:05 a. m., arriving Smithfield 8:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m.; arrives at Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 10:00 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:10 a. m., 4:03 p. m., Spring Hope 10:30 a. m., 4:25 p. m., returning leave Spring Hope 11:30 a. m., 4:45 p. m., Nashville 12:15 a. m., 3:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 11:45 a. m., 6:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch.—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:15 a. m., Maxton 9:20 a. m., Red Springs 9:53 a. m., Hope Mills 10:52 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 10:55 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:40 p. m., Hope Mills 4:55 p. m., Red Springs 5:35 p. m., Maxton 6:16 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:16 p. m.

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